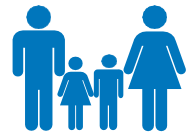


Dental Therapists Can Increase Access to Care in Wisconsin



Dental therapists can increase access to oral health care especially for those who need it most: children, seniors, people with disabilities, rural residents, and those on Medicaid.



57% OF CHILDREN

on Medicaid did not receive any dental care in 2017, more than 300,000 children in Wisconsin.¹



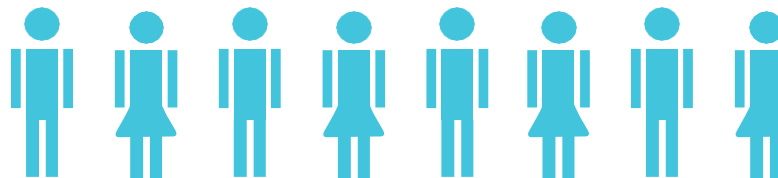
1.2 MILLION Wisconsinites

live in areas where there are dentist shortages.²

Dental therapists today work in more than 50 countries. They have provided high-quality, routine dental care in **ALASKA** to native populations since 2005 and to all in **MINNESOTA** since 2011. **ARIZONA, MAINE, MICHIGAN, NEW MEXICO, NEVADA** and **VERMONT** passed laws allowing them to serve all groups. **IDAHO** and **WASHINGTON State** allow dental therapists to serve native populations. **OREGON** allows them to practice on a pilot basis.

IN MINNESOTA, dental therapists have been able to expand access to care to those most in need.

>175,000



Patient visits since 2017 – most on public insurance.³

>370

Mobile dental sites in schools, nursing homes, community centers, many of them rural, using dental therapists.⁴



DENTAL WORKFORCE EDUCATION

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is the sole accrediting body for all dental workforce educational programs.

2yrs - Dental Hygienist

3yrs - Dental Therapist



4yrs - Dentist

Investment in oral health = investment in better overall health

SOURCES

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